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Shortage of Staff and Equipments in CGHS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

SHORTAGE OF STAFF AND EQUIPMENTS IN CGHS

1488. SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH:
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the shortage of doctors/ specialists/ paramedical staff in the CGHS wellness centres across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise and the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the number of persons availing of CGHS facility during the last three years;

(d) whether there is some shortage of basic equipments like ECG readers etc. at CGHS wellness centres across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to procure equipment for the CGHS Wellness Centre?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a): There is some shortage of doctors and paramedical staff in the CGHS Dispensaries across the country as per the details given at Annexure − I & II respectively.

The shortage of doctors is due to superannuation of doctors, newly recruited doctors from UPSC not joining service and in some cases doctors resigning from service.

Reason for shortage of paramedical staff in CGHS is lengthy recruitment process of posts falling under direct recruitment of para-medical staff.

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Following steps have been taken by the Government to rectify the situation:

(i) Sending requisitions and constant follow up with UPSC to fill up vacant posts.
(ii) The following efforts have been made to retain doctors in the Government service:
a) Promotions upto Senior Administrative Grade have been made time-bound without linkage to vacancies.
b) The age of superannuation of Non-Teaching and Public Health Specialists has been increased from 60 to 62 years.
c) The period of study leave for CHS doctors has been increased to 36 months as against 24 months for other Central Government Employee.

(iii) Appointment of retired doctors on contract basis as a stop gap arrangement to fill the
vacant posts.

(iv)Powers have been delegated to the Additional Directors of the concerned CGHS city for recruitment of para-medical staff.

(c): Number of persons registered for availing of CGHS facility during the last three years is an under:
Year Beneficiaries

2014 26,85,930
2015 28,44,115
2016 30,12,290

(d): No such shortage has been reported.
(e): All the equipment is procured as per requirement and on proper justification.
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